

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group 1, claims 1-4 and 12-17, drawn to a liquid crystal display panel; and

Group 2, claims 5-11, drawn to a method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display panel (a liquid crystal drop applying step).

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group 1, Claims 1-4 and 12-17. Examining claims drawn to a liquid crystal display panel and a method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display panel can be made without a serious burden to the Examiner. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement and examine claims 1-17.

The Examiner has further required an election in the present application between:

Species A, Specifics of a number density of columnar spacers in a first region near an inner side of a seal member is smaller than that in a second region inside said first region;

Species B, Specifics of a number density of columnar spacers in a first region except for a display region is smaller than that in a second region outside said first region; and

Species C, Specifics of the varying heights of the columnar spacers.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species C, with traverse. Species C reads on claims 4 and 12-17. Thus, the Applicants elect (Species C) claims 4 and 12-17 with traverse. Examining claims drawn to a liquid crystal display panel as specified in Species A-C can be made without a serious burden to the Examiner. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement and

examine claims 1-17. However, at a minimum, the Examiner is respectfully requested to examine claims 1-4 and 12-17.


Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Aslan Ettehadieh, Registration No 62,278, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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